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## **Whitehall kindergartener wins Earth Day poster contest**

**LANSING** – Sedona Young of Whitehall was the kindergarten winner of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's statewide Earth Day poster contest, announced Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores.

"Sedona is a terrific young lady with a bright future ahead of her," said Van Woerkom, who announced all the winners on the Senate floor today. "She and all the students here today should be applauded for their creativity and hard work."

The contest was launched in December 2004 as a way to encourage kindergarten through fifth-grade students to creatively demonstrate what Earth Day means to them.

The DEQ received more than 1,500 entries from schools throughout Michigan. Other winners came from Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Bay City, Canton and Detroit.

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**Editor's note: A downloadable photo of Sen. Van Woerkom with winning kindergartener Sedona Young and her family is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at:**

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